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- [Street Works Permit Schemes. The DfT release new guidance for Highway Authorities](#)
- [Co-ordinating Street works. New guidance from the DfT - applies from the 5th January 2026](#)
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Industry News



- [Nick Harris, Chief Executive of National Highways, has announced his decision to step down after five years](#)
- [Street Works UK Publications EPG have published updated versions of Volume 3 & Volume 4.](#)
- [NUAR Website goes live - A Major Step Forward for Safe & Efficient Street Works](#)
- [HAUC\(UK\)'s Co-Chair Clive Bairsto, met with the Minister for Roads and Buses, Simon Lightwood](#)
- [Pavement parking consultation: Government response](#)
- [HAUC\(UK\)'s Co-Chair & Street Works UK CEO Clive Bairsto interviewed for BBC Radio 4's documentary 'Highways to Hell' on street and road works](#)
- [HAUC \(England\) issue a summary of the Changes to Street Works Legislation](#)
- [Report on HAUC\(UK\)'s 2025 Communications Survey](#)
- [HAUC\(UK\) is inviting Tier 1 Contractors, Site Operatives and Traffic Management Operatives to participate in a new User Research Group that will help shape the future development of the HAUC App.](#)

Events for your diary



Events

- 16th - 18th March 2026 [Transport & Technology Forum Live 2026 The Leonardo Hotel, Leicestershire](#)
- 16th March 2026 [Road to Net Zero Roadshow 2026 Birmingham](#)
- 18th March 2026 [CIHT National Conference - From Risk to Resilience, London EC2V 5DD](#)
- 15th April 2026 [DfT Lane Rental Conference, Tower Hamlets Town Hall \(London\)](#)
- 22nd April 2026 [Road to Net Zero Roadshow 2026 Manchester](#)
- 23rd April 2026 [HAUC \(UK\) Convention 2026](#)
- 19th - 20th May 2026 [Utility Week Live](#)
- 20th - 21st May 2026 [Traffex 2026](#)
- 21st May 2026 [GeoPlace conference, Leicester Tigers, Aylestone Rd, Leicester LE2 7TR](#)
- 3rd June 2026 [LGTAG Presidential Conference 2026, Brooklands Museum, Weybridge](#)
- 24th - 25th June 2026 [LCRIG Innovation & Learning Festival, Kenilworth](#)



Openreach data now live on NUAR

- Openreach has added ducts, conduits, poles, cabinets and chambers covering 550,000 km to NUAR.
- NUAR now holds over 3.2 million km of asset data, representing 80% of known underground infrastructure (electricity, gas, water, pipelines, telecoms).
- The platform is progressing towards full underground network coverage.
- Openreach highlights NUAR's potential as a "one stop shop" to improve safety, reduce damage and prevent disruption.

Government Digital Service (GDS) update

- Plans set out for NUAR's future as a statutory register.
- Stakeholder engagement confirmed economic, safety and operational benefits of secure, wider access.
- Over the next two years, access will expand to new user groups and additional use cases.
- Rollout will be phased, prioritising safe excavation.

NUAR website now live

- Website provides overview, benefits, roadmap, news and FAQs.
- Access portal remains unchanged.
- <https://www.nuar.uk/about>

User webinars

- Regular webinars support new users and administrators.
- Contact: adoption@nuar.uk for details

Platform improvements

- Product Roadmap now live, outlining future development plans.
- Notification of Works functionality (recent development):
- Notification reports now live – asset owners can see who accessed their data and when.
- Reports available via the Admin portal (contact account manager for access).
- Outbound Notification of Works – Phase 1 live:
- New enquiry function (test environment) for contacting asset owners about planned works.
- Enables plant protection, risk assessment and safe digging guidance.
- Notifications available via scalable API (IT integration required).
- Simpler user interface planned.
- Phase 2 will expand notifications to more asset owners and service providers.



What's new on the HAUC(UK) website?



The Innovation Hub



[Click here to view our HAUC\(UK\) Vision 2030](#)

Our mission is to champion progress and showcase innovative products, solutions and ideas shaping our industry. Here you'll find key developments, case studies and updates to inspire best practice and continuous improvement. On occasion we may feature specific companies, products or services. These are not endorsements by HAUC(UK) but aim to highlight useful contributions and insights for the street and road works community.

[Click here to view the innovation hub](#)

Here are some examples:

- [Portable Variable Message Signs - An example of collaboration from Transport for West Midlands to support both Local and National Highway networks](#)
- [Street Works UK Protocol Operational Training videos](#)
- [How Drone Technology Supports Transport for West Midlands](#)
- [NISTA launches 10-year infrastructure pipeline portal](#)
- [Street Works Sentinel Suite + Digital Avatar Guides](#)

[Click here to Send us innovative ideas or case studies you'd like us to feature](#)

Lane Rental



This section of our website provides key information, resources and guidance on Lane Rental Schemes (LRS), which help minimise road user disruption by incentivising more efficient street and road works.

You can apply for a new scheme using the latest DfT guidelines and online form, and access updates including the Lane Rental Scheme Status Tracker. Details of the DfT's Lane Rental Conference on 15 April 2026 at Tower Hamlets Town Hall, along with any new consultation documents, are also available on this page.

[You can view the Lane Rental page here.](#)

The HAUC(UK) Vacancy Hub



Are you looking for your next step in the Street Works or highways sector?

Discover a wide range of current job vacancies from across the UK and find exciting opportunities near you today.

Whether you're an experienced professional or just starting out, our Vacancy Hub brings together roles from utilities, contractors, and highway authorities all in one place.

Browse the latest vacancies: [HAUC\(UK\) Vacancy Hub](#)

If you have a street works related job vacancy (Utility, contractor or Highways Authority) and would like us to host the link here then please send your job role to contact@hauc-uk.org.uk

What's new on the HAUC(UK) App?

New "How-To" Video

The HAUC App is designed to make essential industry guidance faster, easier, and more accessible for everyone working across the Street Works and Utilities sector. From safety information to operational tools, it puts the resources you need right at your fingertips – anywhere, anytime.

New: Our HAUC App "How-To" Video

We're excited to introduce our brand-new step-by-step video guide, created to help you get the most out of the HAUC App.

Whether you're new to the app or just want a quick refresh, this video will walk you through:

-  Navigating the app interface
-  Finding key resources including Codes of Practice
-  Using calculators, tools, and quick-reference features
-  Accessing updates and support
-  New improvements we've added based on your feedback

This guide has been made to support both on-site users and office-based teams who rely on accurate, up-to-date information every day.

[Watch the video here](#)



Get Involved



HAUC(UK) is inviting Tier 1 Contractors, Site Operatives and Traffic Management Operatives to participate in a new User Research Group that will help shape the future development of the HAUC App.

This initiative aims to bring operational users together to provide practical insights that will support the continued improvement of digital tools used across the street works sector. We are seeking operatives who use the app—or those who would like to contribute their experience—to ensure future enhancements meet the needs of the people who rely on it in their day-to-day work.

Individuals interested in taking part must have approval from their employer prior to registering.

How to Register Interest

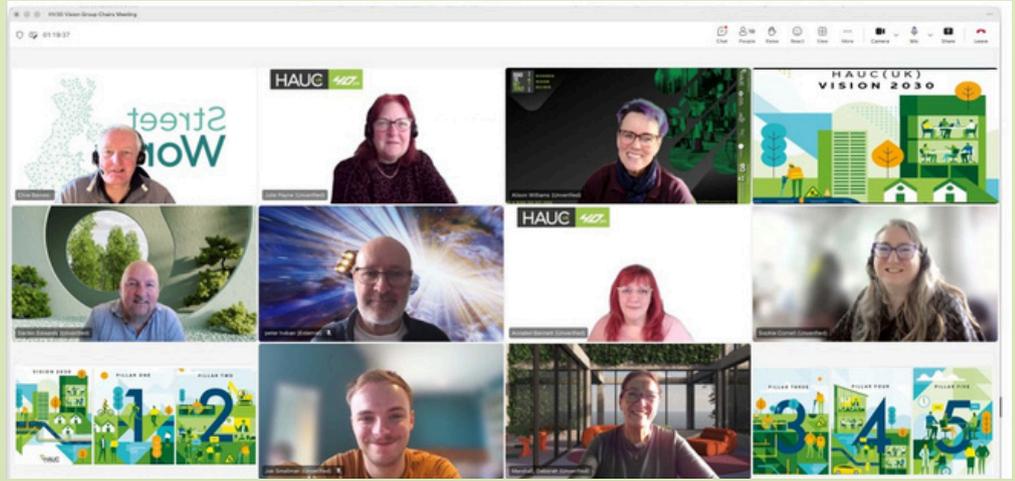
Please send your name, job title and contact details (email address or phone number) to contact@hauc-uk.org.uk

Your contribution will play an important role in supporting the development of an app designed to improve safety, efficiency and consistency across street works operations.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and commitment to improving industry standards.

Updates from our HV30 Pillars

On 12th Feb we held our HV30 Chairs meeting. We're incredibly proud of the members who give their time, expertise and energy to HV30 alongside already demanding day jobs.



Pillar 1 Environmental sustainability - Over the past month we've been finalising HAUC's four-year strategy for delivering environmental and sustainability objectives.

We're focusing on how better data can reduce the environmental impact of street and highway works, improving decision making, industry practice, resilience and sustainability while minimising harm.

Key aims include giving planners clearer environmental information early in the process, supporting more confident decisions, reducing risks to nature, and improving opportunities to get works right first time.

We'll maximise existing tools and platforms, while exploring whether new ones are needed to bring the right data sets together. A good example is **Impact360**, launched through the HAUC Road to Net Zero project. It's an all-consequences optioneering tool that shows the carbon, disruption and community impacts of different design and delivery choices in one framework. It helps the sector plan works that are technically sound and socially, environmentally and economically responsible. Most importantly, **Impact360** is free for authorities, utilities and contractors in the HAUC community. Find out more [here](#).

Pillar 2 - Community - 3 main areas of focus:

- Building a skilled and diverse workforce
- Making street and road works accessible and inclusive
- Tackling road worker abuse

Tools including production of videos to use in the community eg schools, colleges, and prisons. Looking at new apprenticeship schemes and better training to include disability awareness. Use of lane rental surplus for funding opportunities. Better campaign for Road worker abuse and engage with government bodies on legal protection for workers

Pillar 3 - Infrastructure - Pillar 3 is working to improve coordination between telecoms, utilities, HAs, regulators and developers.

Key priorities include:

- Better early-stage collaboration and sharing of plans and documents.
- Cross-utility working and trench sharing to reduce excavations.
- Exploring whether coordination should be HA-led.
- Using improved drawing tools and AI to support planning.
- Developing an EV infrastructure strategy across public/private sectors.
- Expanding remote monitoring and AI to improve safety and reduce road worker abuse.
- Promoting climate-resilient materials.

Pillar 4 - Technology, Data and Decision Making - These are the areas the pillar is concentrating on:

- Development and promotion of a carbon calculator, including increasing participation and engagement (primarily highways authority involvement required).
- Implementation of a traffic management planning system.
- Deployment of a traffic awareness and monitoring system.
- Exploration of drone-based infrastructure inspection projects.
- Ongoing discussions around accessibility systems to support safe navigation around live works sites.

Pillar 5 Collaboration and Consistency - These are the priority areas currently being progressed:

- Strengthening forward planning notices and improving advance information sharing through clearer guidance and working group collaboration.
- Enhancing coordination meetings by reviewing frequency and encouraging better use of planning notifications and map-based collaboration tools.
- Promoting digital resources through improved publicity, legislative updates and clearer signposting to online materials.
- Increasing accessibility and representation at regional meetings, particularly for smaller undertakers, supported by improved distribution lists.
- Raising awareness of inspection standards, including joint inspection guidance and bite-sized learning.
- Supporting digital reporting improvements and progressing digitised processes where appropriate.

Charity Corner



Chris Powell is taking the plunge into seriously cold water - under 10°C - as many times as he can before March 31 at Court Farm Lakes in Lydney! Into the new year and the challenge is still going strong. He's completed 67 swims so far, with the lowest temperature at 0.8°C. He's even earned the nickname "Icebreaker" after cutting a path across the lake through the ice... until the sheet got too thick to continue safely!

Chris is doing this to raise money for Mind. Mental health challenges are incredibly tough, and Mind provides vital support and life-changing services so no one has to face them alone. For Chris, this fundraiser is a way of showing solidarity by facing discomfort head-on – icy water and all – mirroring the courage people show every day in managing their mental health.

If you want to support Mind, please consider donating via his JustGiving page: [Christopher Powell is fundraising for Mind.](#)



1986

- HAUC(UK) founded
- JAG & HAUC England formed

1991

- New Road & Street Works Act (NRSWA)
- Drafting of Code of Practice
- Street Works Safety Training introduced (SWQR)

1999

- EToN 1 1999 – First Electronic Notices
- Managed EToN Phase 1 noticing into London for National Gas Utility (48 Councils)

2001

- Lane rental schemes were introduced in the UK in 2001 with pilot schemes operating from 2002 to 2004
- EToN 2 2001 – Section 74 and Return Path
- 2001 Developed National Processes, EToN Test Scripts and EToN Training for Councils and Utilities on behalf of National Gas Utility

2002

- The Red Book is Published 1st Feb 2002
- EToN 3 2002 – Electronic Inspections
- Developed National Processes, National Training, EToN System Test Scripts, carried out Joint Testing Programme with councils for National Gas Utility

2004

- The Traffic Management Act 2004 (TMA)

2005

- Transport (Scotland) Act 2005

2006

- JAG(UK) chair role was created

2008

- EToN 4 2008 – Traffic Management Act
- Led Project Team for National Gas Utility up to 2006
- Led multiple Utility clients towards the introduction of the TMA through training and processes
- EToN Training for Councils and Utilities on behalf of Symology Ltd

2009

- EToN 5 2009 – Permits and other notification enhancements.
- Ongoing EToN Training for Councils and Utilities on behalf of Symology Ltd
- Permit Schemes across England on behalf of Councils and Utility Companies

2010

- First HAUC(UK) Convention held

2012

- Street Works (Charges for Occupation of the Highway)(England) Regulations 2012 (The 2012 Regulations)

2014

- The Red Book is Published 1st Oct 2014
- EToN 6 2014 onwards Workshops, Process Development, Testing Scripts and Regimes, Support

2017

- NJUG (formed in 1977) rebranded to SWUK Oct 19th 2017

2018

- The Department for Transport announced plans in February 2018 to allow highway authorities to bid for and set up lane rental schemes.

2020

- HAUC App goes Live, Street Manager launched July 2020
- Street Manager launched July 2020

2021 & 2022

- HAUC Convention held online for both years due to covid restrictions

2023

- HAUC Comms Manager Appointed
- Live Convention Back at Manchester

2025

- HAUC Community Support Assistant Employed
- HAUC(UK) Vision 2030 is launched
- The Pulse Newsletter is launched
- Faces of Streetworks launched
- Vacancy Hub goes live

2026

- HAUC(UK) turns 40!
- The refreshed innovation hub goes live
- Facebook and TikTok, are launched

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Street Works UK

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NIRAUC Northern Ireland Road Authority and Utilities Committee

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SOUTH WEST HAUC

West Midlands HAUC HIGHWAY AUTHORITIES & UTILITIES COMMITTEE

NEHAUC North East Highway Authorities and Utilities Committee

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